



A WHITISH minister in West Tennessee recently divided his discourse into three parts. First, Willability, second, Willability, third, Willability.

GENERAL HARRISON is credited with saying: "Well, I will tell you now that no one will ever put me in the breeches pocket." That knocks him out of the Cabinet for sure.

The most extreme destination is reported from Walsh county, Dakota, where the farmers are discontented and severely stricken, living on a poor porridge made of green wheat and oats.

A total capital of \$100,000 was invested in new enterprises in the South last year. Alabama ranks first with \$29,411,000 and Kentucky stands second with \$24,800,000.

This race was assumed across proportions when the white water girls of a Springfield (Ohio) hotel refused to serve a company of colored strangers. Senator William Chandler will please add this latest outrage to his list.

As Lee Rankin is talked about as one of the coming stars of the remarkable winter, and the foundation of the Northwest are breaking up their camps and going up business for the season on account of the open weather.

CARE ARNOLD, a laborer in Crutcherville, Ind., six days two eggs without stopping, and, finding no use to the proffered list of his back, he went to a restaurant and took a square meal.

The time of the United States Senate during the present week will be devoted almost exclusively to consideration of far measures; in fact no other business likely to provoke discussion will be brought before that body until the vote on the tariff bill is taken January 21.

HERE is the very latest about the completion of the new House. Certificates have been given to 163 Republicans and 130 Democrats. Should the Democrats get all of the three thousand certificates remaining they would still be in the minority.

CARDINAL MANNING has prepared an exhaustive paper on the American public school system, based on the statistics of the country. The Cardinal strongly favors parental as opposed to public control. The paper has been published in England and America.

A STARTLING rumor comes by way of Washington City, that Governor Becker, of Ohio is insane. The report states that Becker's condition recently has alarmed his friends, who cannot account for his eccentricities except on the basis of a stroke or an alteration of the mind.

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IN his annual message to the Legislature, Gov. H. H. Johnson, says the late election was the most corrupt in the history of the country, and complete legislation to purify the ballot. He also asks that the Legislature provide Congress to make a law to prevent a man six years and pass a new making ex-presidents life members of the United States Senate.

THE Vanderbilt family is pretty well fixed in this world. In fact, they have enough for several rainy days. Cornelius has net \$100,000,000 (that's all). Van R. K. is the place with \$95,000,000; while the others are about as they: Frederick W. \$45,000,000 (Gen. W. \$41,000,000); Mrs. Eliza Shepard, Mrs. Wm. D. Moore, Mrs. Hamilton McK. Treadwell, and Mrs. W. Seward Wells, \$12,000,000 each. Total, \$274,000,000. Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt has no fortune in her own name, contrary to the general belief. She has an annuity of \$200,000.

## REGISTRATION LAWS.

For some years past many of the larger cities and some of the larger towns, have been expediting with registration laws that is requiring voters before the regular election day to appear before the registration officers and register their names as legal voters.

The object of such laws is to prevent the polling of illegal and incompetent voters, and thereby place the power of the ballot box in the hands of the qualified voters of each town and precinct.

In all the cities and towns where the law has been tried, it has been found to give the most satisfactory results, in preventing fraudulent votes.

In large precincts, for instance, the list must be made up from 200 to 800 voters are to be polled and recorded, the task is too great for State parties investigating each vote offered, and there are no doubt many votes polled and counted, which, if challenged and investigated would be thrown out of record. This is a doubtless true of every large precinct in the State.

If a fair, reasonable, and timely law was in force, requiring voters to register from two to three weeks before the day of election, the names could and would be examined by the neighbors and their friends, and the voters would be held to investigate the citizens, where they live, how long he lives in the town, precinct, State, &c., and have no challenge on the day of election.

There is scarcely a doubt but that many an officer holder in Kentucky holds his office through a majority given him by illegal votes. It is an argument to suggest a list of his back, that he could not have been the voters, and that only makes the matter worse. The object of fair election laws, is that the majority of legal voters shall control, and there is no way to guarantee that but to create a law that shuts out as nearly as possible all chances of illegal votes.

The poll at Hickman, or any other large voting precincts, for the purpose of the law, could be closely examined, and fairly purged of all illegal voters, it is probable some who have been the voters, and would be really the voters, and some of the voters numbered among the illegal votes.

The idea of making such a law general, applying to the whole State, is especially to the larger voting precincts, will be before our next State Legislature, and should give it their attention. It will make our election expenses rather more expensive, but it certainly should insure a purer and fair ballot.

For the Legislature. Pretty many candidates for the Legislature will be before the people of this State asking their suffrage. It may be interesting to many to know that the United States Government, Central Intelligence Bureau, as a matter of fact, as legislators they will have no doubt to do with such questions, except in relation to the selection of a United States Senator.

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